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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111 TO THE  
EXAMINER'S ACTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action mailed September 9, 2004, having a period for response set to expire on December 9, 2004.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper; Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.